

NINETEENTH DAY.

(Wednesday, February 25, 1931.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Harman.
Adams of Harris.	Harrison
Adams of Jasper.	of El Paso.
Adamson.	Harrison
Adkins.	of Waller.
Akin.	Hatchitt.
Albritton.	Hefley.
Alsup.	Herzik.
Anderson.	Hill.
Baker.	Hines.
Barron.	Holder.
Beck.	Holland.
Bedford.	Holloway.
Bond.	Hoskins.
Bounds.	Howsley.
Bradley.	Hubbard.
Brice.	Hughes.
Brooks.	Johnson
Bryant.	of Dallam.
Burns of Walker.	Johnson
Burns	of Dimmit.
of McCulloch.	Johnson of Morris.
Carpenter.	Jones of Shelby.
Caven.	Jones of Atascosa.
Claunch.	Justiss.
Coltrin.	Kayton.
Coombes.	Keller.
Cox of Lamar.	Kennedy.
Cox of Limestone.	Laird.
Cunningham.	Lasseter.
Daniel.	Lee.
Davis.	Lemens.
DeWolfe.	Leonard.
Dodd.	Lilley.
Donnell.	Lockhart.
Dowell.	Long.
Dunlap.	McCombs.
Duvall.	McDougald.
Dwyer.	McGill.
Elliott.	McGregor.
Engelhard.	Magee.
Farmer.	Martin.
Farrar.	Mathis.
Ferguson.	Mehl.
Finn.	Metcalf.
Fisher.	Moffett.
Forbes.	Moore.
Ford.	Morse.
Fuchs.	Munson.
Gilbert.	Murphy.
Giles.	Nicholson.
Goodman.	Olsen.
Graves.	O'Quinn.
Greathouse.	Patterson.
Grogan.	Petsch.
Hanson.	Pope.

Ramsey.	Sullivant.
Ratliff.	Tarwater.
Ray.	Terrell
Reader.	of Cherokee.
Richardson.	Towery.
Rogers.	Turner.
Rountree.	Van Zandt.
Sanders.	Vaughan.
Satterwhite.	Veatch.
Savage.	Wagstaff.
Scott.	Walker.
Shelton.	Warwick.
Sherrill.	Weinert.
Smith of Bastrop.	West of Coryell.
Smith of Wood.	West of Cameron.
Sparkman.	Westbrook.
Stephens.	Wiggs.
Stevenson.	Wyatt.
Steward.	Young.
Strong.	

Absent—Excused.

Boyd.	Jackson.
Dale.	Terrell
Hardy.	of Val Verde.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Hardy for today, on motion of Mr. Wagstaff.

Mr. Terrell of Val Verde for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Keller.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Boyd for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Ratliff.

Mr. Dale for today, on motion of Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Jackson for today, on motion of Mr. Holland.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Hubbard:

H. B. No. 713, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the transfer of title of certain lands to the State Highway Commission, consisting of two separate tracts, one being across

Copano Pass in Aransas county, the other across Lavaca Bay in Calhoun county, lying under, along and adjacent to the causeways and their approaches now under construction on State Highway No. 57, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Anderson:

H. B. No. 714, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a criminal judicial district and a criminal district court for Bexar county; providing for the jurisdiction of and procedure in said court; fixing the time for holding the terms of said court; providing for the election, tenure of office, qualifications, duties, powers and compensation of a judge of said court; abolishing the Ninety-fourth Judicial District of Texas, and providing for the transfer of all cases pending in said court when this act becomes effective, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

(Read out of order February 24, 1931.)

By Mr. Bradley, Mr. Morse and Mr. McCombs:

H. B. No. 715, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that the Deaf and Dumb Asylum shall be known as the Texas School for the Deaf; that such school shall be classed and conducted as an educational institution of the State; providing that it shall receive no revenue from the public school fund, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Baker:

H. B. No. 716, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2795 of the Revised Statutes of 1925, so as to define and fix the compensation of the county tax assessor and tax collector when acting as such for common school districts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Johnson of Morris:

H. B. No. 717, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the method of taking or catching fish in the public fresh waters in Morris and Titus

counties, State of Texas; providing penalties for violation, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Article 8307, Title 130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, Chapter 223, 1927, commonly known and referred to as the Workmen's Compensation Act, providing that the Industrial Accident Board shall furnish upon request any interested party a certified copy of the employer's notice of becoming a subscriber, which shall be admissible in evidence in any court and be prima facie proof of all the facts stated in such notice, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Donnell:

H. B. No. 719, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation whatever, to take, acquire, own or hold any note or other evidence of indebtedness stipulating for the payment of interest at a greater rate than seven per cent per annum where such notes or evidence of indebtedness are secured by lien or real property, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. West of Cameron:

H. B. No. 720, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Lower Rio Grande Water Conservation District of Texas under authority of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State, with powers of government and authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions as are conferred by said Section 59 of Article 16; establishing and fixing the boundaries of said district; placing the management and control of said district in a board of seven directors, and prescribing their qualifications, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Morse, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Beck and Mr. Patterson:

H. B. No. 721, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13, Title

71, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, by adding thereto Article 4585a, to provide that the board, or their duly authorized agents, may, upon receiving such bodies, deliver to the State Board of Embalming such number of the same as may be necessary for the use of said State Board of Embalming in conducting its semi-annual examinations, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Harman:

H. B. No. 722, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing cities and towns to create appraisal boards for the purpose of valuing property within the limits of cities and towns for fire insurance purposes, and providing that where cities and towns acting under authority given which create such board, then no fire insurance policy shall be issued upon property within such city or town without obtaining a certificate of valuation from the board, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Howsley and Mr. Ratliff:

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make it unlawful to take or kill wild turkey for a period of five years in Haskell, Jones and Throckmorton counties, Texas; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. McGregor:

H. J. R. No. 32, Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution to be voted on at the general election to be held in November, 1932.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Holder (by unanimous consent), House bill No. 707 was withdrawn from the Committee on Education and referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

BILL RECOMMENDED.

On motion of Mr. Barron, House bill No. 106 was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, House bill No. 714 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Warwick, House bill No. 324 and Senate bill No. 365 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer, House bill No. 574 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. DeWolfe, House bill No. 700 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Young, House bill No. 694 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Holder, Senate bills Nos. 265, 373, 221 and 158 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, House bill No. 289 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Alsup, House bill No. 242 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, House bill No. 699 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, House bill No. 659 was ordered not printed.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT HOUSE BILL NO. 157.

Mr. Weinert moved that House bill No. 157 be recommitted to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McCombs raised a point of order on further consideration of the motion, on the ground that the bill has been reported adversely with a minority favorable report and the vote reconsidered and tabled by the committee.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question recurring on the motion to recommit, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—57.

Adams of Jasper.	Farmer.
Albritton.	Ferguson.
Anderson.	Ford.
Baker.	Fuchs.
Bond.	Goodman.
Bounds.	Greathouse.
Carpenter.	Grogan.
Caven.	Harrison
Claunch.	of El Paso.
Daniel.	Harrison
Davis.	of Waller.
Dunlap.	Hefley.
Dwyer.	Herzik.
Elliott.	Hill.

Hines.	Munson.
Holland.	Murphy.
Holloway.	Olsen.
Howsley.	Pope.
Jones of Atascosa.	Ramsey.
Johnson of Morris.	Reader.
Kayton.	Richardson.
Keller.	Rogers.
Lasseter.	Satterwhite.
Lilley.	Turner.
Lockhart.	Walker.
McGill.	Weinert.
McGregor.	West of Cameron.
Martin.	Westbrook.
Mathis.	Wyatt.
Mehl.	

Nays—67.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams of Harris.	of Dimmit.
Adamson.	Justiss.
Akin.	Kennedy.
Alsup.	Laird.
Bedford.	Lee.
Bradley.	Leonard.
Brice.	McCombs.
Bryant.	McDougald.
Burns of Walker.	Magee.
Burns	Metcalf.
of McCulloch.	Moffett.
Coltrin.	Moore.
Coombes.	Patterson.
Cox of Lamar.	Ratliff.
Cox of Limestone.	Ray.
Cunningham.	Rountree.
DeWolfe.	Sanders.
Dodd.	Savage.
Donnell.	Scott.
Dowell.	Smith of Bastrop.
Engelhard.	Stephens.
Fisher.	Stevenson.
Forbes.	Steward.
Gilbert.	Strong.
Giles.	Tarwater.
Graves.	Terrell
Hanson.	of Cherokee.
Harman.	Towery.
Hatchitt.	Vaughan.
Holder.	Veatch.
Hoskins.	Wagstaff.
Hubbard.	Warwick.
Hughes.	West of Coryell.
Johnson	Young.
of Dallam.	

Absent.

Adkins.	Nicholson.
Barron.	O'Quinn.
Beck.	Petsch.
Brooks.	Shelton.
Duvall.	Sherrill.
Farrar.	Smith of Wood.
Finn.	Sparkman.
Jones of Shelby.	Sullivant.
Lemens.	Van Zandt.
Long.	Wiggs.
Morse.	

Absent—Excused.

Boyd.	Jackson.
Dale.	Terrell
Hardy.	of Val Verde.

MOTION TO PRINT HOUSE BILL NO. 157.

Mr. Weinert moved that House bill No. 157, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Mr. Gilbert moved to table the motion.

Yeas and nays were demanded.

The roll of the House was called, and the vote announced as follows: yeas, 62; nays, 60.

Mr. Harrison of El Paso called for a verification of the vote.

The roll of the yeas and nays was then called and the verified vote announced as follows:

Yeas—66.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams of Harris.	of Dimmit.
Adamson.	Justiss.
Akin.	Kennedy.
Alsup.	Laird.
Bedford.	Lee.
Bradley.	Leonard.
Brice.	McCombs.
Bryant.	McDougald.
Burns of Walker.	Magee.
Burns	Metcalf.
of McCulloch.	Morse.
Coltrin.	Patterson.
Coombes.	Ratliff.
Cox of Lamar.	Ray.
Cunningham.	Richardson.
DeWolfe.	Rountree.
Dodd.	Satterwhite.
Donnell.	Scott.
Dowell.	Smith of Bastrop.
Farrar.	Stephens.
Fisher.	Stevenson.
Forbes.	Steward.
Gilbert.	Strong.
Giles.	Tarwater.
Goodman.	Terrell of Cherokee.
Graves.	Towery.
Hanson.	Vaughan.
Harman.	Veatch.
Hatchitt.	Wagstaff.
Holder.	Walker.
Hughes.	Warwick.
Johnson	West of Coryell.
of Dallam.	Wyatt.
	Young.

Nays—58.

Adams of Jasper.	Baker.
Albritton.	Bond.
Anderson.	Bounds.

Carpenter.	Johnson of Morris.
Caven.	Jones of Atascosa.
Claunch.	Kayton.
Daniel.	Keller.
Davis.	Lasseter.
Dunlap.	Lilley.
Dwyer.	Lockhart.
Elliott.	Long.
Engelhard.	McGill.
Farmer.	McGregor.
Ferguson.	Martin.
Ford.	Mathis.
Fuchs.	Mehl.
Greathouse.	Moffett.
Grogan.	Munson.
Harrison	Murphy.
of El Paso.	Nicholson.
Harrison	Olsen.
of Waller.	Pope.
Hefley.	Ramsey.
Herzik.	Reader.
Hill.	Rogers.
Hines.	Savage.
Holland.	Turner.
Holloway.	Weinert.
Hoskins.	West of Cameron.
Howsley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Adkins.	O'Quinn.
Barron.	Petsch.
Beck.	Sanders.
Brooks.	Shelton.
Cox of Limestone.	Sherrill.
Duvall.	Smith of Wood.
Finn.	Sparkman.
Hubbard.	Sullivant.
Jones of Shelby.	Van Zandt.
Lemens.	Wiggs.
Moore.	

Absent—Excused.

Boyd.	Jackson.
Dale.	Terrell
Hardy.	of Val Verde.

The Speaker announced that the motion to table prevailed.

Reasons for Vote.

On the motion to table I vote "nay," because I am always for a fair deal, and am opposed to "gag" rule. I am opposed to the repeal of the lottery law, and am opposed to the repeal of the race track gambling, pool selling, and bookmaking laws, because the repeal of such laws would injure our country.

FARMER.

I voted against the motion to table the motion to print on minority report, because the committee was so evenly divided on the consideration of this bill, and because the proponents claimed that they were denied the

privilege of submitting amendments to the bill. We have never had a race bill that I would support.

SAVAGE.

At the time the vote was taken tabling the motion to print House bill No. 157 relating to the horse race bill on minority report, I was correcting a stenographic error and the vote was taken before I knew it. I would have otherwise voted to table and desire to be so recorded.

SPARKMAN.

At the time House bill No. 157 was voted on, I was in the reception room in conference with gentlemen from my district. I had been called from the floor of the House by these gentlemen and it was as a courtesy to them that I remained out until after it had become too late for me to vote on the so-called horse race bill. Neither these men nor myself had any idea that during this brief period the bill would be voted upon. Had I been present on the floor when House bill No. 157 came up for vote, I would have voted against the bill at all points.

LEMENS.

As a member of the Committee on State Affairs, I had the privilege of voting against this bill, which was reported by the committee with the recommendation that it should not pass. This morning while I was out of the House of Representatives attending to business in the Governor's office proponents of the bill made a motion to print on a minority report. I am shown as absent when the vote was taken.

In order that my sentiments may be of record, I herein make the statement that I am now, and have always been, opposed to legalizing race track or any other kind of gambling in Texas, and will vote against this or any measure designed for the same purpose.

BECK.

I am opposed to House bill No. 157, commonly known as the "race track gambling bill," and voted directly against it in committee. If it had been printed, however, its contents would have become much better known to all the people of the State, which would have been a desirable thing. Therefore, I voted "no" on the motion to table the motion to print. I am unalterably opposed to the bill itself.

MOFFETT.

I voted "nay" on the Gilbert motion to table the motion to print House bill No. 157 for the following reason:

The House thus far has voted to print numerous bills on a minority report. House bill No. 157 received an unfavorable vote of 9 to 8 in the committee. To my way of thinking a measure of so much interest to this House, and receiving such a close committee vote, entitles its supporters to the same consideration that have been shown many others requesting to print on minority report.

The authors of House bill No. 157 know that I was against it.

CLAUNCH,
JOHNSON of Morris.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 25, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. C. R. No. 18, Providing for the acceptance of portrait of the late Major General Henry T. Allen.

H. B. No. 399, with amendments, making certain appropriations out of the general revenues of the State of Texas for the several institutions and departments of State government as named herein for the balance of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1931, and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully,
JNO. B. DuPRIEST,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 399, WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Sherrill called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act making certain appropriations out of the general revenues of the State of Texas for the several institutions and departments of State government as named herein for the balance of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1931, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Sherrill moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a free conference committee be requested to adjust the

differences between the two houses on the bill.

Question recurring on the motion, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Adams of Jasper.	Hubbard.
Adamson.	Hughes.
Adkins.	Johnson
Akin.	of Dallam.
Albritton.	Johnson of Morris.
Alsup.	Jones of Shelby.
Baker.	Jones of Atascosa.
Barron.	Justiss.
Bedford.	Kayton.
Bounds.	Keller.
Bradley.	Kennedy.
Bryant.	Laird.
Burns of Walker.	Lasseter.
Burns	Lemens.
of McCulloch.	Leonard.
Carpenter.	Lilley.
Caven.	Lockhart.
Claunch.	Long.
Coltrin.	McDougald.
Coombes.	McGill.
Cox of Lamar.	Magee.
Cox of Limestone.	Mehl.
Daniel.	Metcalfe.
Davis.	Moffett.
DeWolfe.	Moore.
Dodd.	Morse.
Donnell.	Munson.
Dowell.	Murphy.
Dwyer.	Olsen.
Elliott.	O'Quinn.
Engelhard.	Pope.
Farmer.	Ramsey.
Farrar.	Ratliff.
Ferguson.	Ray.
Fisher.	Richardson.
Forbes.	Rogers.
Ford.	Sanders.
Fuchs.	Satterwhite.
Gilbert.	Savage.
Giles.	Scott.
Goodman.	Sherrill.
Greathouse.	Smith of Bastrop.
Grogan.	Smith of Wood.
Hanson.	Sparkman.
Harman.	Stephens.
Harrison	Stevenson.
of El Paso.	Strong.
Harrison	Towery.
of Waller.	Turner.
Hatchitt.	Van Zandt.
Hefley.	Vaughan.
Herzik.	Veatch.
Hill.	Wagstaff.
Hines.	Walker.
Holder.	Weinert.
Holland.	West of Coryell.
Holloway.	Wyatt.
Hoskins.	Young.
Howsley.	

Nays—3.

Adams of Harris. McGregor.
McCombs.

Present—Not Voting.

Anderson.

Absent.

Beck.	Patterson.
Bond.	Petsch.
Brice.	Reader.
Brooks.	Rountree.
Cunningham.	Shelton.
Dunlap.	Steward.
Duvall.	Sulivant.
Finn.	Tarwater.
Graves.	Terrell
Johnson	of Cherokee.
of Dimmit.	Warwick.
Lee.	West of Cameron.
Martin.	Westbrook.
Mathis.	Wiggs.
Nicholson.	

Absent—Excused. X

Boyd.	Jackson.
Dale.	Terrell
Hardy.	of Val Verde.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following conference committee:

Messrs. Sanders, Ford, Claunch, Holder and Satterwhite.

RELATIVE TO HOUSE BILL
NO. 100.

Mr. Holder moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 100 was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

Mr. Holder moved that House bill No. 100 be recommitted to the Committee on Education.

The motion to recommit prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 25, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

S. B. No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 880 of the Penal Code, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the publish-

ing of biennial reports of State officers, boards and departments of this State; providing the manner thereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 237, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing counties, acting through their commissioners courts, to purchase seed to be planted on farms in such counties by residents thereof, who are poor and unable to procure same and to purchase feed for the work stock of such residents, and prescribing the terms and conditions, rules and regulations, by which such seed and feed will be furnished said residents of the counties who are poor and unable to procure the same; authorizing counties to use their general funds for this purpose where they have such funds; authorizing them to issue warrants against such funds if such counties will have the same when the taxes for the years 1930 and 1931 are collected; conferring certain powers and prescribing certain duties, relative to the administration of this act, on the commissioners court and the county clerks of the various counties of the State; defining the terms of the application and the contract by which residents of the counties acting within the purview of this act may obtain seed and feed hereunder, and providing for the payment therefor by such persons; conferring certain power and authority upon the county tax collectors and county attorneys relative to the administration of this act; providing the terms and conditions upon which the State will advance certain amounts to the various counties of the State to augment the funds provided for the purchase of seed and feed and the distribution of same hereunder, and the terms and conditions thereof; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of Texas, the State Treasurer, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Attorney General of the State of Texas, relative to the administration of this act; providing for the repayment to the State of funds advanced by it; defining and creating certain offenses for violations of the terms of this act, and providing punishment therefor; stating when operation may be commenced under this act, and when the distribution of seed and feed hereunder shall cease; making an appropriation for carrying out the purposes of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 367, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing relief for the Frost Independent District of Navarro county, Texas, in order to aid said school district in rebuilding its properties and equipping its schools destroyed by the cyclone which struck the community of Frost on May 6, 1930; making an appropriation to said district for said purpose and for the maintenance of its schools and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a felony to threaten to take the life of any human being or to inflict serious bodily injury or to burn, injure or destroy any property of any person in order to extort money or anything of value from the person threatened; providing for the penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

JNO. B. DuPRIEST,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RULES.

Mr. Morse offered the following proposed amendments to the House Rules:

(1)

Resolved, That Section 9, Rule 12, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by striking out the word "for" in the last line and substituting therefor the word "or."

(2)

Resolved, That Section 6, of Rule 4, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by striking out the word "or" in line 3 and substituting in lieu thereof the word "as."

(3)

Resolved, That Section 2, of Rule 11, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by striking out the last word in said section and substituting in lieu thereof the word "appeal."

(4)

Resolved, That Section 6, Rule 11, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931,

be amended by striking out all of the last sentence therein and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Provided, this rule shall not apply to measures carrying an appropriation, in the discussion of which speeches shall be limited to fifteen minutes in duration, except as provided in Section 3 of this Rule."

(5)

Resolved, That Section 3, of Rule 16, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by inserting after the comma and before the word "the" in line 3 the following, "and ordered by a majority vote."

(6)

Resolved, That Section 1, Rule 22, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by striking out the figure "7" in subhead 5 under the seventh paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the figure "8."

(7)

Resolved, That Section 8, of Rule 9, General Rules of the House, as printed in the supplement to the House Journal of February 13, 1931, be amended by inserting the following at the end of the first paragraph: "This rule is not intended to operate in such manner as to defeat a bill through failure of a committee to report a bill in the hereinabove prescribed time, and bills neither reported nor granted additional time in committee shall not be considered as finally disposed of or defeated."

The amendments were referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Rules.

RELATIVE TO CREATING ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES JUDGESHIPS.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There is now pending in the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate a bill to create an additional United States judgeship for the Southern District of Texas; and

Whereas, There is an urgent necessity that the said judgeship be created to expedite the trial of litigation

on the docket, which is now greatly congested in said district;

Whereas, The necessity for such additional judgeship has been urged by the Circuit Appeals judges and the bar of the Southern District of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of Texas urge the Representatives of this State in the Upper House, Senators Morris Sheppard and Tom Connally, that they exert every effort to secure the final passage of the bill at this session of Congress, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to said Senators and to the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate.

Signed—Holland, Burns of Walker, Adams of Harris, Martin.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

ADDRESS BY COUNT CARLO SFORZA.

Mr. Keller moved that the House invite Count Carlo Sforza of Italy to address a joint session of the House and Senate at 11 o'clock a. m. today.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to convey the invitation to Count Carlo Sforza and the Senate and to escort Count Carlo Sforza to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Keller, McGregor, Gilbert, Mathis and Adkins.

The Honorable Senate, escorted by Hon. Bob Barker, Secretary of the Senate, appeared at the bar of the House and being admitted occupied seats prepared for them along the aisle.

Count Carlo Sforza, accompanied by Hon. Edgar E. Witt, Lieutenant Governor, Senators Berkeley, Holbrook, Neal, committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Keller, McGregor, Gilbert, Mathis and Adkins, committee on the part of the House, and party appeared at the bar of the House, and being admitted, occupied seats on the Speaker's stand.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt occupied a seat on the right of the Speaker.

Speaker Minor presented Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt who in turn introduced Dr. C. W. Hackett of the University of Texas.

Dr. Hackett introduced Count Carlo Sforza to the Joint Session.

Count Sforza then addressed the assemblage.

The Senate, at the conclusion of the address, retired to its Chamber.

RELATIVE TO INTERSTATE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 31, Relative to interstate legislative reference bureau.

Whereas, All experienced persons know that in each State, legislative problems continually increase, both in number and in complexity;

Whereas, Experience indicates the necessity for an interstate legislative reference bureau to serve as a clearing house of information between all of the legislative reference services which are now being conducted by numerous States, and also to serve as a clearing house of information between the legislatures and all other agencies which are engaged in the study and analysis of legislative problems, such as governmental departments, political science departments of universities, competent reputable associations, and all other sources of information;

Whereas, Every individual legislator in the United States shares the responsibility for improving the present inadequate and unsatisfactory condition of the legislative processes, but neither any individual legislator, nor any group of legislators from one State, can bring about such improvement without the co-operation of legislators of other States;

Whereas, The said American Legislators' Association has now established in the vicinity of the University of Chicago, the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau, which by explicit pledge is without color of politics, partisanship or propaganda, is conducted without profit, and is engaged upon three principal purposes:

First.—To procure promptly for all inquiring State legislators, and their agents, whatever information or advice they desire in connection with any legislative problem, primarily by assisting them to secure, without cost, the benefit of all researches conducted by governmental departments, universities, associations, legislative reference bureaus, and other agencies throughout the United States.

Second.—To conduct a systematic study of the legislative processes of each of the States, in order to ascertain the practices which contribute most to efficient and economical organization and procedure; and to render all possible assistance to each legislature—and to each legislative reference bureau—which is endeavoring to improve its organization.

Third.—To publish for the benefit of all State legislators for monthly magazine, State government, as well as special bulletins, and thus to disseminate information which will be helpful to all conscientious students of legislation;

Whereas, The American Legislators' Association is promoting acquaintance and mutual understanding among all individuals and organizations officially concerned with the impartial and scientific functioning of the legislatures of the various States, by the organization of standing committees and advisory boards, and otherwise; now, therefore, it is hereby

Resolved, That the organization of the American Legislators' Association and of the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau are hereby commended as legitimate and constructive in its efforts to assist the legislatures of the various States in the efficient performance of their work.

Signed—Metcalf, Young, Minor, Kayton.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS IN REGARD TO CERTAIN LOANS.

Mr. Gilbert offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 30, Memorializing Congress in regard to certain loans.

Memorializing the Congress to direct Federal land banks to withhold the foreclosure of mortgages securing loans made by such banks in certain areas and to provide a method of redemption where such mortgages have already been foreclosed since January 1, 1929.

Whereas, It was the purpose of Congress in passing the Federal Farm Loan Act in 1916 to aid and protect the farmers in times of distress and disaster; and

Whereas, When creating Federal land banks Congress granted said banks many subsidies and advan-

tages, to the end that they may be at all times in position to grant aid and protection to distressed farmers; and

Whereas, Certain portions of the agricultural sections of Texas and the United States have been inflicted with prolonged and continued drouths, certain localities having suffered as many as three successive crop failures, making it impossible for certain farmers who have borrowed money from the Federal land banks to meet even the interest on their loans; and

Whereas, The Federal land banks have adopted the policy of granting no extensions, regardless of circumstances, and pursuant to said policy there has been over four hundred farms foreclosed in Texas; and

Whereas, There are over eleven thousand farms now mortgaged to the Federal farm banks in the drouth-stricken area of Texas, the owners of which will be unable to meet the interest and principal payments, which said farms will be foreclosed under the present announced policy of the Federal land banks; and

Whereas, Congress alone can stop this wholesale foreclosure of our farms; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate of Texas, That Congress be, and is hereby, memorialized and importuned to direct and command the Federal land banks:

(1) To withhold and suspend until January 1, 1932, all and any suits to foreclose any mortgage securing a loan made by such bank on farm lands situated in the drouth area of Texas where the borrower is financially unable to make the payment due, and to extend the time for the payment of any such indebtedness to become due during 1931 until January 1, 1932; and

(2) Any Federal land bank that has acquired, since January 1, 1929, the title to land from any borrower from such bank upon foreclosure of a mortgage securing a loan made by the bank to such borrower, to be directed by Congress, if the bank still holds title to such land, to permit the borrower to redeem his interest in the land so acquired by the bank, by payment by January 1, 1932, of all installments due under the terms of such mortgage to the time of such redemption. In the event of any such redemption, the mortgage shall be re-

vived and continued as security for all subsequent installments payable under the terms of the mortgage.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. McCombs, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

DESIGNATING GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 12, Directing the Governor to proclaim October 11th of each year "General Pulaski's Memorial Day" for the observance and commemoration of the death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski.

Whereas, The 11th day of October, 1779, is the date in American history of the heroic death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, who died from wounds received on October 9, 1779, at the siege of Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, The States of Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, Maryland, New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Georgia, and other States of the Union have by legislative enactment designated October 11 to be "General Pulaski's Memorial Day"; and

Whereas, It is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this day be commemorated with suitable patriotic and public exercises in observing and commemorating the death of this great American hero of the Revolutionary War; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Governor of the State of Texas is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the government to display the flag of the United States on all governmental buildings on October 11th of each year and inviting the people of the State of Texas to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the death of General Casimir Pulaski.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Anderson offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Senate concurrent resolution No. 12 by adding after the words "General Pulaski's Memorial Day"

the words, "and all other brave and distinguished foreigners who served in the Revolutionary Army."

Mr. Keller moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

RELATIVE TO CERTAIN RURAL AID CHARTS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, resolution by Mr. Holder, relative to certain rural aid charts, the resolution having heretofore been read second time and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education having reported the resolution favorably.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

RECESS.

Mr. Albritton moved that the House recess to 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Kayton moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Albritton prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

NINETEENTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Thursday, February 26, 1931.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

RELATIVE TO LOCAL BILLS.

The House, by unanimous consent, agreed to take up and consider, at this time, all local bills on the Speaker's table.

SENATE BILL NO. 30 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and validating the creation of Common School District No. 34 of Duval county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to third reading.